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In re Application of: :  
Cooper, et al. :  
Application No. 10/087,223 : DECISION ON PETITION  
Filed: March 01, 2002 : TO MAKE SPECIAL  
Attorney Docket No. : 1527.003 :  
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102, filed February 24, 2003, to make the above-identified application special.

Petitioner requests that the above-identified application be made special under the accelerated examination procedure set forth in the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (M.P.E.P.), Section 708.02, Item VIII: Accelerated Examination.

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102, and in accordance with M.P.E.P., Section 708.02, Item VIII, must be accompanied by (a) the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i), (b) a statement that all claims are directed a single invention or an offer to make an oral election without traverse should the Patent and Trademark Office hold that the claims are not directed to a single invention, (c) a statement that a pre-examination search has been made by the inventor, attorney, agent, professional searcher, etc., and a listing of the field of search by class and subclass, (d) one copy of each of the references deemed most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims, and (e) a detailed description of the submitted references and discussions pointing out how the claimed subject matter is distinguishable over these references.

The petition lacks item (e) in accordance with M.P.E.P., Section 708.02, Item VIII. The petitioner provides a general discussion as to how the claimed subject matter is distinguishable over the references cited. However, Section 708.02, Item VIII, of the M.P.E.P. requires a detailed description of each of the submitted references and a discussion pointing out how the claimed subject matter is distinguishable over each of the references.

Accordingly, the petition is dismissed.

Should petitioner desire reconsideration, the petitioner should supplement this petition by a statement providing the information as outlined above. No further petition fee is required.

Any request for reconsideration must be filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this decision.

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